

**GENERAL AND SPECIAL LAWS**  
**OF**  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

**Passed By The**  
**FIRST CALLED SESSION**  
**of the**  
**SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**

**Convened at the**  
**City of Austin, July 11, 1977**  
**and**  
**Adjourned July 21, 1977**

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**MARK WHITE . . . . . Secretary of State**

**Proclamation**  
**by the**  
**Governor of the State of Texas**

41-1632

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Under the provisions of Article IV, Section 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, I, Dolph Briscoe, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby call a Special Session of the 65th Legislature to be convened in the City of Austin, commencing at 10:00 a. m., the 11th day of July, 1977, for the following purposes:

1. To enact legislation to fund public education in Texas including:
  - a. a total cost within available state revenues;
  - b. a salary increase for teachers and other public school employees;
  - c. a decrease in the state local fund assignment;
  - d. an increase in funding for equalization; and
  - e. authorization of an in-depth study by the Legislature, with substantial citizen input, to address the issue of a new index for determining local fund assignment.
2. To consider and act on such other subjects and questions as the Governor may submit from time to time.

The Secretary of State will take notice of this action and will notify the members of the Legislature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the 8th day of July, A.D., 1977.

Seal

DOLPH BRISCOE  
Governor of Texas

ATTEST:

MARK WHITE  
Secretary of State

## PROCLAMATION

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE 65TH LEGISLATURE, FIRST CALLED  
SESSION:

Pursuant to Proclamation 41-1632, Section 2, issued by me on the 8th day of July, 1977, I hereby submit as an additional subject for consideration in the First Called Session, and ask the enactment of legislation pertaining to nursing and convalescent homes and to the protection of elderly persons resident therein, including:

- a. strengthening licensing requirements for nursing and convalescent homes facilities;
- b. unannounced inspections of licensed facilities;
- c. periodic open hearings in licensed facilities;
- d. providing for additional temporary restraining order and injunctive relief against non-complying facilities;
- e. additional economic sanctions against non-complying facilities;
- f. transfer of medical functions and quality of care to the Texas Department of Health;
- g. increase in criminal penalties for those who abuse or neglect elderly persons in licensed facilities;
- h. protective services for elderly persons and other persons who may be patients in nursing or convalescent homes.

Issued on July, 15, 1977  
At 1:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
DOLPH BRISCOE  
Governor of Texas

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**House of Representatives**  
OF THE  
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OF THE  
**Sixty-fifth Legislature**

OF THE  
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BEGUN AND HELD AT  
THE CITY OF AUSTIN  
JULY 11, 1977



**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following message from the Governor:

To the Members of the 65th Legislature, First Called Session:

Pursuant to Proclamation 41-1632, Section 2, issued by me on the 8th day of July, 1977, I hereby submit as an additional subject for consideration in the First Called Session, and ask the enactment of legislation:

1. authorizing the Governor to determine the need for a public deepwater port if a private facility is not built, the creation, administration, powers and duties of the Texas Deepwater Port Authority; preserving Texas' claim to its tidelands and coastline; and for only the purposes herein expressed and providing for repayment of said appropriation;
2. authorizing the participation in the National Flood Insurance Program;
3. pertaining to assets and liabilities of an abolished state agency or advisory committee pursuant to Senate Bill No. 54, Acts of the 65th Legislature, Regular Session, 1977, including:
  - a. provision for the designation by the Governor of an appropriate state agency to carry out covenants contained in bonds and the proceedings authorizing such bonds outstanding on the date of abolition of any state agency and to provide payment of such bonds from the sources provided in such bonds in accordance with their terms;
  - b. provision assuring holders of bonds outstanding on the date of abolition of any agency issuing such bonds of the intention of the Legislature that the payment of such bonds in accordance with the terms of such bonds not be impaired or impeded, and that such bonds remain valid and enforceable in accordance with their terms and the laws and proceedings authorizing such bonds notwithstanding abolition of the agency which issued the bonds, and
  - c. provision for transfer of property, and records, to the appropriate state agency designated by the Governor and provision for retention of funds by the State Treasurer or previously designated trustees, if so provided in the proceedings authorizing such bonds, and if not so provided, then provision for transfer of such funds to the designated state agency.

Issued on July 15, 1977, at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dolph Briscoe  
Governor of Texas